

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending. Claims 1-7 have been withdrawn, as directed to a non-elected invention. Claims 1 and 8 are in independent form.

The specification has been amended to attend to formal matters and to delete reference to a document that was cited in error. It is noted that the document in question was submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement and was considered by the Examiner on April 19, 2002, as indicated by the initialed Form PTO-1449 returned with the Office Action dated April 25, 2002. No new matter has been added.

Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully requested.

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